



## The Impossible Becomes Possible

In the fall of 2007, Stan and Connie became proud new homeowners as the result of the combined efforts from USDA Rural Development, Assistive Technology, Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Panhandle Community Services (now Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska - CAPWN) and Western Nebraska Housing Opportunities. These partners worked together to assist with the purchase and rehab needed to make this home accessible for the motorized scooter and other items necessary to accommodate Connie's multiple sclerosis.



*A beautiful home catering to their every need.*

On July 20, 2013 they suffered a major blow when Stan fell and broke his neck. Since Stan was facing weeks of hospitalization and months of therapy and rehabilitation - with no wages coming in during that time - they approached USDA Rural Development to see what could be done to keep them from losing their home while they concentrated on his recovery.

The Mathsons were approved for a moratorium with USDA Rural Development. For a little over a year, no payments were required of them. Once Stan completed his rehabilitation and was cleared to return to modified work, they requested that the assistance be stopped. The missed payments were then added back on to the loan, and the loan payments were recalculated to spread them over the remaining life of the loan - making the repayment an affordable option.

Stan and Connie are very thankful that they did not have to worry about losing their home during this stressful time and could concentrate on Stan's health and recovery.

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**Obligation Amount:** \$75,600

**Date of Obligation:** 07/07/2007

**Congressional District:** Representative Smith, District 03; Senators Fischer and Sasse

**Partners:** Assistive Technology; Cerebral Palsy Foundation; Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska (CAPWN); Western Nebraska Housing Opportunities

**Demographics:** Household with Disabilities

**Impact:** Affordable housing; Accommodating to disabilities

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